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1. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REACH OUR USUAL SOURCES IN THE EC COMMISSION BECAUSE OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN PREPARATIONS FOR AND THE PARTICIPATION IN THE JANUARY 15-15 MEETING OF THE EC COUNCIL. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS REFLECT THEIR VIEWS AS EXPRESSED IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS; WE WILL SUPPLEMENT THIS INITIAL REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. FOR THE NEAR TERM, AS DEFINED IN REFTTEL, THE COMMISSION DOES NOT SEE ANY REALISTIC RELIEF FOR THE CURRENT SUPPLY SITUATION IN

THE COMMUNITY. THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY TECH-
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NOLOGIES WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AND THE DEVELOPMENT

OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF CRUDE OIL FROM OTHER THAN OPEC COUNTRIES DOES NOT APPEAR TO OFFER MUCH RELIEF IN THE QUANTITIES REQUIRED. THE ONLY NEAR TERM ALTERNATIVE TO OPEC COUNTRIES AS A SOURCE OF PETROLEUM IN THE EC WOULD BE THE NORTH SEA OIL DEPOSITS OF THE UK, WHICH ARE NOT EXPECTED TO COME ON STREAM UNTIL THE LATE 70'S. THE ONLY OTHER NEAR TERM ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCE IN THE COMMUNITY WOULD PROBABLY BE DUTCH (AND PERHAPS BRITISH) NATURAL GAS, BUT THIS WOULD REQUIRE REVISION OF PRESENT DUTCH MEASURES WHICH WE UNDERSTAND RESTRICT EXPLOITATION FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES.

3. FOR THE MEDIUM AND LONG TERM, EC EFFORTS WILL PROBABLY FOCUS MORE ON ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES THAN ON NON-OPEC SOURCES OF PETROLEUM, ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE R&D PROPOSALS OF THE COMMISSION WOULD RELATE TO SUCH THINGS AS DEEP SEA OIL EXTRACTION, IMPROVED SEISMIC OIL EXPLORATION, ETC. THE ONLY MEANINGFUL ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES IN THE COMMUNITY, IN THE COMMISSION'S VIEW, ARE IMPROVED AND EXPANDED COAL MINING EFFORTS AND GREATER RELIANCE ON NUCLEAR REACTORS FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATING. THE COMMISSION FORWARDED TO THE COUNCIL THIS WEEK A MEMORANDUM WITH PROPOSALS FOR PROMOTING GREATER USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, BUT THIS IS A REITERATION OF PREVIOUSLY HELD COMMISSION VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT RATHER THAN A NEW RECOMMENDATION ARISING FROM THE CURRENT ENERGY CRISIS. (WE WILL BE SENDING IN THESE PROPOSALS AS SOON AS THE ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS ARE AVAILABLE.) GREENWALD

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